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- 21 My comments are: Nevada will be the nation's
- 22 nuclear waste repository. It's a done deal. The
- Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 require utilities
- 24 generating spent fuel and high-level radioactive waste
- 25 to pay for the cost of disposing of its waste. The

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- 1 Secretary of Energy/the government, entered into fee
- 2 for service contracts with the utilities for disposing
- 3 of this waste. In return for this service, the
- 4 utilities paid annual fees to cover the entire cost of
- 5 safely storing this waste. Now the utilities are
- 6 threatening and will sue the government if action is
- 7 not taken soon. It will happen. It's a done deal.
- 8 Any obstacle that Nevada causes to delay the repository
- 9 will be a most exercise in our freedom to speak and
- 10 voice in opposition, better known as the second
- 11 amendment to the Constitution.
- 12 Nevada has an opportunity to play an
- 13 important role in this done deal and must trust the
- 14 findings and recommendations of the scientific academy.
- 15 Everyone, not just you, but the entire world wants this
- 16 waste to be transported and discarded safely. The
- 17 magic word, transportation, transporting the waste to
- 18 Nevada concerns me more than storing it in Yucca
- 19 Mountain. Has the government or the Department of
- 20 Transportation, the Department of Energy, and all the
- 21 other entities involved in this endeavor, prepared

22 guidelines for moving it from the 78 commercial nuclear

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power plants in 35 states to Nevada?

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